

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are pending in the present application.

The Examiner has required election in the present application between:

Group I, claims 1-7, 12/1, 12/4, and 14, drawn to an igniter assembly having a metal collar with protruding portions of a particular configuration, classified in class 102, subclass 202.9;

Group II, claims 8-11, 12/8, 15, and 17, drawn to an igniter assembly having a cylindrical metal collar with particular strength limitations, classified in class 102, subclass 202; and

Group III, claims 13 and 16, drawn to a method of manufacturing an igniter assembly, classified in class 102, subclass 202.14.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect, without traverse, Group I, Claims 1-7, 12/1, 12/4, and 14.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Maki Hatsumi, Registration No 40,417 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

- Attached is a Petition for Extension of Time.
- Attached hereto is the fee transmittal listing the required fees.

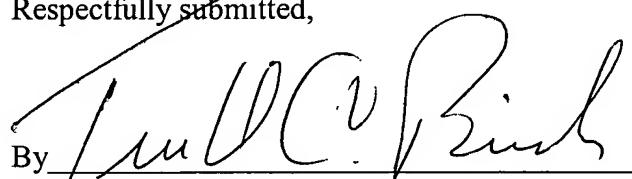
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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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